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- Units of the KVP division in Leipzig which were at various troop training grounds when the strikes and demonstrations began on 17 June 1953, were employed in Leipzig on 18 June 1953. After martial law had been proclaimed in Leipzig and its surrounds in the evening of 17 June, tanks and armored scout cars of the Soviet Army moved up to the Leipzig main station and other vital points. The units were rotated daily and had alerted details at the barracks installations. On 23 June, the Soviet troops withdrew and, on 25 June, the KVP left the town. The police headquarters, the prosecuting office and the jails remained occupied. Martial law was rescinded in the Leipzig district on 26 June. It was still in force in Leipzig on 28 June.<sup>1</sup>
- A new recruiting campaign for the KVP started in enterprises on the ground that the citizens in East Germany should have become aware that their home country was in real danger.<sup>2</sup>

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- Comment. Leipzig was the location of several KVP offices including an infantry unit [ ] which was assigned to TV 6000. This unit probably was at the Weiswasser troop training grounds when the riots developed. The units of TV 3000 and TV 6000 which practiced at this troop training grounds were probably transferred to their posts after the outbreak of the riots.

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- Comment. Another source reported that a temporary suspension of enrollment of the KVP had been decreed in early June 1953.

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